

Resolutions—1975

Sec. 2. That a copy of this resolution shall be duly certified by the Secretary of State and shall be transmitted by him to the family of Robert Campbell Rivers, Jr.

Sec. 3. That this resolution shall become effective upon ratification.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified, this the 24th day of June, 1975.

H. R. 1258

RESOLUTION 116

A JOINT RESOLUTION HONORING JOHN J. CRAWFORD, JR., WHO WAS INJURED WHILE INTERVENING TO ASSIST A POLICE OFFICER IN DANGER.

Whereas, John J. Crawford, Jr., of Wadesboro, North Carolina, is a service manager with Crawford Motor Company; and

Whereas, he has perennially exhibited outstanding civic consciousness as exemplified by his participation in the Jaycees; and

Whereas, John J. Crawford, Jr., and his fiancé on Sunday morning at eleven o'clock on November 23, 1973, were returning to Wadesboro after having cleaned the premises at which a pageant-related Jaycee party was held following the Miss Anson County Pageant the previous night; and

Whereas, they saw a Highway Patrol car which was pulled off the side of the road, and as they passed, they could see the officer struggling with another man; and

Whereas, John J. Crawford, Jr., pulled off the road and approached the patrol car on the passenger side, where the door was opened, and asked the officer if he needed assistance to which he got an affirmative response; and

Whereas, the officer and the person the officer was attempting to apprehend were struggling for the possession of a pistol, with the would-be prisoner in apparent command; and

Whereas, John J. Crawford, Jr., attempted to separate them and at the same time to seize the weapon, which was being waved about by the prisoner; and

Whereas, John J. Crawford, Jr., was shot twice before the prisoner escaped, and was unable to work for 24 weeks, incurring six thousand dollars (\$6,000) in medical expenses;

Now, therefore, be it resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring:

Section 1. That this General Assembly does hereby commend John J. Crawford, Jr., for his outstanding act of heroism and his supreme sacrifice.

Sec. 2. That this General Assembly acknowledges John J. Crawford, Jr., as the type of outstanding North Carolinian who has historically contributed to the greatness of this State and this Nation.

Sec. 3. That this resolution shall be incorporated in the permanent records of this General Assembly as a tribute to the contribution of John J. Crawford, Jr., to the State of North Carolina, and a copy thereof be furnished to John J. Crawford, Jr., and his parents Mr. and Mrs. John J. Crawford, Sr.

Sec. 4. That this resolution shall become effective upon ratification.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified, this the 24th day of June, 1975.